

FROM OVER THE SEA

England Badly Scared About the Dublin Explosion.

STRICT POLICE SURVEILLANCE

Russian Nihilists Are Aiding Paris Anarchists in Their Attempt to Overthrow the Republic.

London, Dec. 31.—The uneventfulness of British holiday life has been shown by the howl raised about the explosion near Dublin castle. There is now little doubt that the bomb was placed near the detectives' office by somebody with a private grudge against Synnott or one of his colleagues. The explosion would have received only passing notice here had it not been for the York Times and Standard, whose editorials at once began to beat the big drum and proclaim with all positiveness that the Irish had begun another campaign of extermination against the English people.

The Gladstonians were driven then to accusing the Tories of having originated the dynamite plot merely to blight the prospects of Mr. Gladstone's home rule bill. The consequence has been a bitter party feud, during which a comparatively trivial occurrence has been magnified to a political outrage of the first dimensions. The people of London might get considerable amusement from this if the police and officials had not caught the infection of fear and are prying in a manner unprecedented since the attempt to blow up the tower. A person cannot even approach the postoffice to inquire after lost letters without being subjected to an inspection.

Every Person Suspected.

A man having the stamp of Scotland Yard steps him at the entrance of the building to learn his business. If the visitor has a bundle, he must submit it to an inspection or leave it outside. If he hesitates at all about stating his business in full to an apparently authorized official, he must pay for his emery by giving his pedigree, his evidence, his purpose in visiting London, and his plans for the next six months.

At the Bank of England every door in the building is watched. At St. Paul's cathedral tourists have been so alarmed that half the usual number of visitors now venture within its walls. Downing street is a nest of policemen in civilian clothes. In Westminster Abbey, formerly quite free from police surveillance, the most ferocious country squire cannot pass his fustian in peace, but must be shadowed at every turn. The custom house and the tower have double the force of watchmen formerly employed. A short, every public building in the city is guarded as it has not been guarded before within the memory of men. Residents of London. But in two or three more explosions would be added to the list of places where the fiercest, as even Paris, with her avowed and Franco, has not known since 1872.

Sweeping Down on Paris.

The fear felt early in the week that an anarchist colony in London might take advantage of the situation to make a bomb, has been relieved by the discovery that the anarchists who came into Paris, Bern and Zurich, are quietly slipping back to the continent. The agitators started for Paris on Tuesday and Wednesday, and now the red lights are gradually removing to a French capital.

Neither the London nor the Paris police are in doubt as to the meaning of this movement. The explosion at a prefecture of police on Thursday was intended by the anarchists to be the first gun in a hot campaign against all order and government in France. The peculiar danger to Paris from this campaign comes from nihilist sources.

The nihilists of Paris have been waiting for an opportunity to avenge themselves on the French government for its severity to Russia in 1889, when it executed and imprisoned several of them for making their bombs within a French border. They have within influence in each quarter, and are therefore in a position for reading destruction as the anarchists could never command. From them a anarchist can procure gratis all the explosives and infernal machines desired, as well as information how the campaign can be conducted most advantageously.

Triple Alliance Strengthened.

Several nihilists are believed to have been implicated in the explosion of yesterday, but so far the police have been unable to lay hands on them. The nihilists believe that by overthrowing the present government they will not only show their power, and thus win other governments against interfering with them, but also will put an end to the alliance between the Czar and the French nation.

The Triple Alliance made an effort to conceal the truth while they work without hope by creating a Roumanian agent. The police believe by attacking the first of the explosion is an anti-government party they will strengthen, temporarily at least, the hands of Rouman.

While Russia is slowly drifting away from France, Italy is slowly drifting away from the Triple Alliance. The latest development of this movement is the friendly attitude of King Humbert toward the anarchists.

In fact on January 1, the government will have a newspaper organ devoted exclusively to the cultivation of better relations between the Catholic church and the Roman state. The name of the newspaper will be "Public Opinion."

His Holiness Pleased.

Religious That McGlynn and Corrigan Have Buried the Hatchet.

Rome, Dec. 31.—The Holy See has received a fresh report from Manchester relating to the impressions of the United States by the presence of the archbishops at New York. The Vatican is much surprised at the opposition which began to be manifested against the visit of the archbishops.

It is an effort that the Pope has expressed his discontent in matter and that the Pope will

shortly take important action concerning the agitation in America with a view to ending the divisions which exist in the church. The reconciliation of Archbishop Corrigan with Fr. McGlynn produced the happiest impression here. Ever since 1885, high personages in Rome and America have tried to assist in this reconciliation. Last year the friends of Fr. McGlynn opened and continued for some time past parley with Rome, aiming at first to get Fr. McGlynn, stated that he was ready to come to Rome to ask reconciliation with the Pope if his excommunication was raised and his dignity as a priest restored. Last spring the proposition deputed a man of confidence to negotiate with Fr. McGlynn when Mr. Stoll started for America. The Pope confided to him the duty of making a new effort with Fr. McGlynn and gave Mr. Stoll full power to act. The exact conditions of the reconciliation are not known here.

Riot in Madrid.

MADRID, Dec. 31.—A serious labor riot occurred in this city today. While 1,000 workmen were marching in a body to the town hall to submit certain grievances to the mayor they became involved in a conflict with the police. The latter made free use of their sabres, while stones and other missiles showered upon them from all sides. Many policemen and workmen were wounded before the mob was dispersed. Several arrests were made.

Famous Politician Dead.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—Dr. Peter Reichenberger is dead. He was a liberal leader in Reichstag. He had been in public life for nearly fifty years.

Congressmen Coming Home.

HAVANA, Dec. 31.—The United States congressional committee, which recently came to Cuba to investigate quarantine and immigration methods, sailed today for Tampa.

IS HOPE FOR SMITH.

The Cincinnati Heretic on the Briggs Case.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—Prof. Henry Preserved Smith, of the Lane theological seminary, was interviewed this morning as to his views on the Briggs case.

"I've heard the telegraph news from New York," he said, "and I am satisfied. The fact that Dr. Briggs has been acquitted by the large and influential presbytery of New York weakens, in the public mind, the effect of my own condemnation on similar charges by the presbytery of Cincinnati. Not only so, but it is a remarkable conclusion of the professor, smiling innocently as though no wrong lurked beneath his deliverance. 'The plain Cincinnati presbytery as against the large and influential New York presbytery would surely have no show.'"

"Were the charges made against you and Dr. Briggs similar in most respects," he was asked.

"Yes, there were several points of difference, however. Dr. Briggs was charged with teaching that the church and reason were sources of divine authority. No such allegations were made against me. One charge was identical in both cases, and that related to the book of Isaiah. We both claim that more than one prophet contributed the material of that book. Isaiah did not write all of it. Another similar charge was that of teaching that errors of statement exist in the scriptures."

"You think now that the higher critics will continue their work of investigation as to scriptural inaccuracies?"

"Certainly. Those of us who claim to follow higher criticism throughout the church of history, investigation will continue it and follow its leading even though the scriptures be annihilated."

"Do you think that the higher criticism will lead to annihilation of the Bible?"

"No," responded the theologian, "we do not expect that. We believe in the scriptures, but we propose to follow out historical investigation as already indicated."

"How do you account for the opposite verdicts of the New York and Cincinnati presbyteries?"

"There is more conservatism in the Cincinnati presbytery."

"Will you appeal your case?"

"Most certainly. It will go to the synod, and then, if necessary, to the general assembly of the church."

"How do you regard your own position in Lane seminary at the present time?"

"Well, I have consulted with the members of the executive committee, and by their advice shall continue my teaching in Lane seminary until the board of trustees meet. Beyond that I cannot say."

Colorado's Enormous Mineral Output.

DENVER, Dec. 31.—The astonishing figures \$41,855,143.25 as the total mineral production for Colorado for 1922, giving total of \$2,011,052.92 in copper; \$8,085,168.14 in lead; \$25,151,119.96 in silver; and \$6,555,824.42 for gold, as against \$33,548,004 for 1921. This does not include one smelter in Colorado and Colorado ores reduced at Omaha and Grant smelter in Omaha.

Cincinnati All Right.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—There is a heavy ice gorge in the Ohio river four miles long, extending upwards for a short distance above the mouth of the Little Miami river. The ice, however, is melting rapidly and comparatively little damage is apprehended here where the gorge breaks.

Blaine "Somewhat Better."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Dr. Johnson was seen after his evening visit to Mr. Blaine, and is reported to be an inquiry as to his patient's condition, said that Mr. Blaine was somewhat better tonight.

Barnie Will Manage Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 31.—William Barnie, the well-known base ball manager of Baltimore, was named this morning as manager of the Louisville club for next season.

Disbanded Mine Whiskey.

PANAMA, Dec. 31.—The amount of internal revenue paid by the distillers of this city last year was \$21,081,255.25 against \$20,965,291.65 paid in 1921.

HER TRIP IS ENDED

The Umbria Reaches Her Dock at Noon.

QUEER STORY OF THE VOYAGE

One of Her Own Line Calmly Deserts Her Because She Is Carrying Mail to England.

New York, Dec. 31.—Two thousand people, packed under the low shed at the Cunard steamship pier, sent up a cheer that could be heard almost in Broadway at 11:15 o'clock this morning when the long overdue steamer Umbria swung slowly around from midstream and made fast to the dock. The decks of the greatest single-screw steamer that plies the ocean were crowded with people who echoed the cheer and gave evidence by other frantic demonstrations of their delight at being able to do so.

Beyond the breaking of her shaft the Umbria sustained no damage whatever. Her engines were stopped instantly before the pounding of the broken shaft had done any damage. The break occurred in the thrust shaft, or that part nearest the engine, and while it was very serious, would have been worse had it occurred near the screw, as then it would have been impossible to repair it at sea.

Just after daylight those who were asleep were awakened by several reports from the Umbria's gun and the sound of her whistle. In ten minutes almost every one was on deck to ascertain what was the matter. A ship was in sight just in the edge of the horizon, bound eastward.

Umbria in Tow.

She proved to be the Bohemia. She at once responded to the Umbria's request for a tow, and before noon she was connected to the big steamship by a steel hawser and was steaming slowly westward.

The storm grew heavier in the afternoon and it was all that the Bohemia could do to drag her big burden in the teeth of a head wind. After dark a heavy snow storm sprang up, which obscured the lights of the two vessels from each other. About midnight the steel hawser broke in a violent gale. Just after luncheon Monday a steamer was sighted proceeding eastward. She was the Gallia, of their own line, en route from Boston to Liverpool. Everybody on board the Umbria was jubilant. "Isn't this Cunard luck?" the officers asked each other.

The Gallia was large enough to tow her sister ship with ease. The consternation of captain, officers, crew and passengers may be imagined when, in response to the Umbria's signal, "Disabled; stand by," the Gallia returned:

"Can't stand by; carrying mails."

The Umbria signaled back, "Will hold you responsible," whereupon the Gallia simply dipped her ensign, signifying "Good bye," and disappeared to the eastward.

She came to a standstill in lat. 43.48, long. 67.10, on Friday morning. When her machinery was started on the next Tuesday night she had gone back to lat. 42.33, long. 69.00. On Wednesday noon she had made 159 miles, on Thursday her record was 224 miles for the previous 24 hours, and from that time until yesterday noon she had covered 235 miles.

Captain McKay Is Silent.

New York, Dec. 31.—Captain McKay declined positively to speak of the Umbria's passage when he was asked by a reporter today. At first he said he had not time to discuss the matter, and that excuse not seeming sufficient, he intimated that it was a private matter anyway. When asked if it was true that the Umbria was refused passage from the Gallia and was refused, he said that his ship was in distress, but declined to say if the Gallia refused to aid them or not.

Ernest H. Brown, agent of the Cunard line, has an opinion regarding the action of the Gallia's captain in deserting the Umbria. He admits that, but he will not tell it. Persons who had secured passage on the Umbria, were scheduled to sail today, were transferred to other steamers, as had their passage money refunded, as the Umbria missed her trip. The Umbria will be repaired as rapidly as possible. If she is in good condition she will sail next Saturday.

AS THE MELANCHOLY DANCE.

John L. Says He Will Play Tragedy Next Season.

New York, Dec. 31.—Jim Hall and Jack McAuliffe called on John L. Sullivan at the Vanderbilt hotel and spent time with a pleasant half hour with the former champion. Hall had not met John L. since the latter started for Australia. Sullivan is confident that Jim will beat Dempsey's conqueror, and offers to put him in the snow business.

"What line of acting do you think me fitted for?" Hall asked.

"I'd have to try you out before answering that," John replied, "but I'm going into tragedy next season and there may be a place in my company for you."

And how about me?" exclaimed McAuliffe. "Can't I act?"

"Oh, you'll be all right," said Sullivan with a laugh. "Put in a race horse scene and you can make a book on the stage. I'll guarantee you'll save tons of money that way."

Four Children Cremated.

SEELY BURNED, L. I., Dec. 31.—The house of William Phillips, colored, was destroyed by fire last night. Four small children locked up in the house were horribly burned, two being dead when discovered. The others died this morning. It is supposed the children were playing with matches and set their clothing afire. The neighbors heard their agonizing cries, but were helpless to rescue them, so fierce were the flames.

Clew's Fine Italian Hand.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 31.—It is rumored that Gov. W. B. Merriam was yesterday reported from New York as stated to go into the Northern Pacific directors, to be succeeded Thomas F. Oakes as president. The report is that a package in president is one of the points aimed at by the party of stockholders who, led by Mr. Clew, have brought about the recent resignation.

SEEMS EXCELLENT.

The Systematic Federation Scheme Gives Promise of Much Good.

CENAS HARTIS, LA., Dec. 31.—"Systematic Federation" was agreed upon by representatives of organized railroad employees in conference in this city today. The term is used in contradistinction to federation, and means that any one system of road will be left to take care of themselves, whether or not they will unite and such action will be binding upon them alone. Conservative members of the conference feel they have gained a point, and whatever the new plan is adopted it will serve as a check against the wild strikes or lockouts of any sort. Under the new plan, when the members of any organization have a grievance against their road, their grievance committee must first do all in their power to settle it. When they fail to do so, the order must be called in, and do his best to effect a settlement.

ation; also that it was part of Henry Villard's mission to St. Paul recently to confer with Mr. Merriam relative to looking in the road.

Roasters in Jersey.

New York, Dec. 31.—The Gridiron club, of Washington, D. C., came to Jersey today to see the year out. The club was the guest of the North German Lloyd steamship company, and was under the personal protection of Gustav H. Schme, manager of the company. The members of the club came over from Washington on a special train on the Pennsylvania road. They were met at the station by Mr. Schme and other guides and escorted to the dining room of the ship, where they upon the steamship Lahn at Hoboken.

There were a dozen New York guests who joined the excursionists on their arrival in Jersey City. Among them were Walter P. Phillips and wife, and Marion Crawford, the novelist, and wife.

Big Peoria Failure.

PEORIA, Dec. 31.—The firm of Kirkwood, Miller & Co., wholesale dealers in agricultural implements, carriages, bicycles, etc., made an assignment today, naming I. C. Edwards, a local attorney, assignee. The firm operated extensively here and at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The estimated assets value the Peoria stock of goods at \$75,000, with a \$10,000 stock at Cedar Rapids. The principal creditor is the firm of J. I. Case, Racine, Wis., with an unsecured claim of \$80,000. There are Peoria claims amounting to \$100,000 against the house. The firm scheduled \$25,000 in real estate mortgages for \$18,000, with \$40,000 in bills receivable and \$30,000 in book accounts.

Meat War Prospective.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The Morning Call states that there is a prospect of a lively meat war in San Francisco as a result of the establishment of Phil D. Armour's big stock yards and slaughter house plant at Baden. The south coast of California is already a hot bed of trying to make the retail butcher boycott Armour's establishment. Armour's representative here, Thomas Newton, declares that if the boycott is attempted his company will open retail butcher shops all over the city.

Coal Boats Sunk.

PORTSMOUTH, O., Dec. 31.—Rhin today broke the ice gorge in the Ohio river in each city. The Rhin is loaded with coal in the breast coal harbor were carried away. Two barges were sunk at the landing. The steamers Bellevue and Beland were badly damaged. Damages will aggregate \$15,000. The steamer Susie Brown was also broken loose, but was safely landed on the Kentucky shore. The gorge has been re-formed and the balance of the river craft are in danger.

Forrest Has Resigned.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—Mr. Forrest's resignation was submitted to the council tonight by his attorney, Judge Luke, and after a heated controversy it was accepted by a vote of 3 to 2. City Counselor Marshall advised this course, saying the city was in no way benefited by accepting the resignation and gain nothing by declining it.

Bomb in a Store.

CRAWFORDVILLE, Ind., Dec. 31.—Early this morning a dynamite bomb in the office of the Rotins hotel. The store was blown to pieces and the windows and furniture of the hotel office were totally demolished. The hotel clerk had his leg broken and several other persons received severe injuries.

Another Illinois Failure.

QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 31.—At 6 o'clock last evening there was filed in the county recorder's office a chattel mortgage for \$15,253, made out by the Pollock & Murphy Co., dealers in dry goods, to Louis Ullman of New York. Other claims aggregating \$50,000 were filed today. The assets were supposed to be about \$40,000.

Fatal Head End Collision.

ALBUQUERQUE, Dec. 31.—By a head end collision of two freight trains on the Rio Grande mountains on the Atlantic Pacific railway, four miles east of Taosport, Engineer Thomas Powell and his fireman, Dickinson, were killed, and the fireman on the other train so badly injured that he died in a few hours.

May Be Her Murderer.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 31.—Superintendent Gillie of the Placerville and Sacramento Valley railroad has received a telegram from Colfax stating that two men who tally with the description of the supposed murderers of Miss Ayers have been arrested there. Some old gold and silver was found upon them.

Lake All Verdicts.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—The coroner returned a verdict this morning in the Doolittle case. It is as follows: "I find that the deceased, Charles C. Doolittle, came to his death from the result of a pistol ball fired with murderous intent by some person or persons unknown to me."

Blackmailer Held.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Charles Church, who attempted to blackmail the firm of W. R. Grace & Co., for whom he had worked, was this morning held in \$2,500 bail to await the action of the grand jury.

Had for the Creditors.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Dec. 31.—Although the mortgage and retail dry goods dealers and planters are today. Assets \$300,000; liabilities \$100,000.

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ALL ARE SWORN IN

All the Republican State Officers Have Qualified.

WORKING THE FORLORN HOPE

Luce Men Doing Out State Offices to Win Votes, While Stockbridge Men Just Laugh.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 31.—The new administration took the obligation at 10:30 a. m. today.

Six of the officers were backed over into one corner of the executive parlor in front of a big stuffed sofa of pompous appearance. Governor-elect Rich, bluff and burly and of good-natured appearance, headed the line. At his left stood Stanley W. Turner. Further along were Berry and Joachim, towering head and shoulders above everybody else, and Ellis and Patten, came up from behind. On the wall the portraits of the deceased Governor Chas. S. State Treasurer Hamilton and his much alive ex-Governor Luce looked down on their heads.

Keeping their hands in turn, the officers took the oath as administered by Clerk Hopkins of the supreme court. State Treasurer Hamilton and Lieutenant Governor Giddings were not present. They will be sworn in privately. Governor Widens then came forward to shake hands. He wanted, he said, to freight the Rich crew with his wishes, and he had no doubt that it would be a very pleasant job. He had a good word for all the other officers, although the special emphasis with which he greeted Mr. Ellis raised a great laugh from the fringe of spectators along the walls and around the doorways. Then every one went out through the folding doors into the private executive office to sign the oaths which, as a part of the act of qualifying, are to be filed with the secretary of state.

Senatorial Row.

The new heads of departments encounter a tremendous kick on their first assumption of official duties.

"The offices of auditor general and secretary of state are simply being worked as an undisguised part of the Stockbridge machine, and worked vigorously, too," said a Luce man this morning. "Here is a specimen case, up in one of the counties, adjacent to Saginaw. A man wrote our managers saying that if he secured a position he could undoubtedly do something for us with his legislature, with whom he had written influence. He must have had much to Ski Olds later, for Ski went up there and promptly arranged for giving the man a clerkship. There have been a number of appointments made in this way. A grand old reason than to influence legislators' votes."

The Stockbridge men scoff and say all manner of biting, cruel things about this method of securing expressions of loyalty. Several Luce men, however, are authority for the statement that the only reason Mr. Stockbridge doesn't try the same scheme is because he has found it utterly impossible to make any showing for himself thereby.

THEY WANT OFFICE.

Sort of a Forecast of the Men Who May Win.

LANSING, Dec. 31.—Governor Rich has been at the capital for forty-eight hours and has already sworn to make good governor during the term which begins at 12 o'clock tonight, but nobody is any the wiser as to his intention in the matter of filling the divers lucrative state offices.

For insurance commission, Giddings of Kalamazoo, Sage of Lansing, Granger Hill of Antrim and ex-Congressman Raymond are leading candidates. Although hints are heard that somebody up Flint way is going to be awfully disappointed, the chances of George W. Buckingham of that town, for oil inspector, are considered fairly good.

One of the surprises is predicted in connection with the bank commissioner. T. C. Sherwood of Plymouth, who has already held the fat \$25,000 job for four years bankers for a re-appointment and while, so far as known, he has by no means the unimpaired confidence of the depositors in the late defunct Milford bank, he has a remarkably strong backing, including some of the most influential bankers in the state.

Colonel Eaton is still here camping on the governor's train and the title of adjutant general. His competitors are Capt. E. S. Lee of the Flint Blues; C. O. Jennison of Greenville and D. B. Anger of Charlotte; W. L. White of Grand Rapids and Gen. G. M. Berlin of Jackson. Col. John R. Bennett of Muskegon and Capt. Frank Haynes of Fort Huron in that for the inspector general's place.

MRS. MARGARET CUSTER CALHOUN.

Governor-Elect Rich Re-Appoints Her as State Librarian.

LANSING, Dec. 31.—Before leaving the city this afternoon for his home to spend New Year, Governor-elect Rich personally tendered a re-appointment as state librarian to Mrs. Margaret Custer Calhoun, the present incumbent. Mrs. Calhoun expressed herself as fully appreciating the honor and took the matter under advisement, but will undoubtedly accept. Inasmuch as the present commission does not expire until March 1, the commission will not be issued until then. Mrs. Calhoun, it will be remembered, lost a husband, three brothers and a nephew at the hands of Sitting Bull at the Big Horn massacre. The appointment meets with universal approval here.

H. P. BALDWIN DEAD.

The Old Ex-Governor Passes Out With the Old Year.

ELKHART, Ind., Dec. 31.—The Kings county grand jury has found indictments against several members of the Coleman Celebration. Aftersaw company on the ground that the city's money was improperly used. The grand jury handed in its indictments and adjourned today. The names of the indicted officials could not be learned.

More Typhus Cases.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Three more persons suffering with typhus fever were taken by the health officers to Bellevue hospital today from houses on Bayard street and Park row. The patients were afterwards removed to the North Brothers' island.

Who Is She?

BAY CITY, Dec. 31.—At the House of the finest snuff shop at Chicago, there is a girl, young for name as Emma Williams, aged 15, of Salisbury, Mich. The

girl, Emma Williams, was found in a missing girl. Emma says she left her home 180 weeks ago and that she walked to Chicago in four days, bagging her food on the way.

HE USED AN AX.

Gus Plank, a Covert Man, Beheaded His Wife Last Night.

SOURCE HAVES, Dec. 31.—Word comes from Covert that Gus Plank, a German, split open the head of his wife last evening with an ax. The woman is dying. Plank has not lived happily with his wife and they quarreled all the time. The husband rushed to the shed, seized the ax and returned to the kitchen. The woman, diving his intention, rushed into another room. Plank pursued his wife and struck her in the back of the head with the blade of the ax. He is under arrest.

Michigan Salt Output.

SAGINAW, Dec. 31.—The report of State Salt Inspector Casey states that the sum received by his office for salt inspection during the twenty-two months of his administration was \$21,850.35, and the expense \$18,999.70. This leaves a balance of \$2,850.65, which goes into the rebate fund to be distributed to the salt manufacturers, of whom there are 106. The largest rebate goes to the Michigan Trust company, who operate the R. G. Peters plant at Manistee, its apportionment being \$274.39. Mr. Casey says the rebates in his twenty-two months of service are \$1,800,000. That in the whole seven years combined previous to his induction into office. He expects to be relieved by his successor about February 1.

Bought the Car Works.

MUSKEGON, Dec. 31.—The best present that Santa Claus has made to Muskegon comes with the announcement tonight that H. N. Moway and J. B. McCracken have purchased what is known as the Muskegon Car company plant. The value of the property is estimated at \$100,000, though the consideration is kept private.

The plant, which has a capacity of ten cars a day, is one of the best equipped of its size in the country. It includes about twenty-six acres of land and a block of tenement houses, besides all the buildings and machinery used in the manufacture of freight cars.

Want Better Pay.

PORT HURON, Dec. 31.—The street car employees held a meeting last night to consider the proposition of the managers of the city to raise the wages to \$1.00 per week during the winter. The employees are now paid \$0.75 per week for three weeks and \$0.75 for the fourth or relief week. They failed to arrive at any conclusion and reappointed a committee to again confer with the officers to see if they could not get any better terms. They conferred with President Canham and Manager Dixon today, but failed to get any concessions from them.

Michigan Railroad Earnings.

LANSING, Dec. 31.—According to the statement of the commissioner of railroads, issued today, the earnings of the Michigan railroads for the month of August aggregate \$10,525,783.50. For the corresponding month of 1921 they were \$9,021,393.95. Increase for 1922, \$1,494,389.55. The total earnings from January 1 to September 1 were \$69,112,631.47, and for the same period in 1921, \$60,124,439.81, an increase of \$8,987,191.66. Per cent. of increase, 14.96.

Mighty Mean Thief.

BAY CITY, Dec. 31.—The tug Sea Gill was placed in winter quarters last night along a dock at the north end of the city. Workmen had hardly left the boat before William C. Clark, formerly employed by the owner of the tug, broke into the boat and proceeded to strip the machinery of brass fittings. He carried the plunder to a drill house near by, and while waiting for a trunk this morning to remove the fittings, he requested the attention of a patrolman. The thief was arrested. A patrolman valued at several hundred dollars.

Fraud Charged.

MUSKEGON, Dec. 31.—A suit was commenced tonight by Gow & Campbell, Muskegon, Lumbermen, against Paul, Collier & Parker Lumber company, to which the Lumberman's National bank and Hovey & McCracken are also made defendants. The complainants charge fraud, claiming that the company never had any stock as pretended, but did business on notes indorsed by J. A. Elwell, of St. Louis, Mich.

His Own Banker.

HARTFORD, Dec. 31.—While John Caldwell, aged 67, a farmer, who lived in the southeastern part of this township, was visiting at the residence of Alva Tuttle, he was suddenly stricken with apoplexy. Tuttle called a doctor, but he was quite wealthy, but at \$3,000 of his cash cannot be found. It is thought that the money is secreted on the farm, the old man always having had a great distrust of banks.

Shot by a Boy.

WEST BAY CITY, Dec. 31.—Mrs. George Connerie, living west of here, was fatally shot yesterday by a boy. He was fooling with a shotgun when it exploded. Part of the charge entered her breast. Her right arm was so badly shattered that amputation was necessary.

Suspends His Sentence.